

**AFFIDAVIT**


State of Ohio                     )  
  ) ss  
County of Franklin            )

Before me, the undersigned notary, personally appeared John David Freshwater, who having first been duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. Affiant has personal knowledge of all matters set forth in this affidavit;
2. Affiant was interviewed by two investigators hired by the Mount Vernon City School District. According to the contract between the Mount Vernon City School District and the Mount Vernon Education Association affiant understands that Article 4, *Teaching Conditions*, Section 402, *Investigation of Complaints*, states, *The person against whom the complaint is made will be given the opportunity to provide a comprehensive written response to the complaint if he/she chooses to do so.* Even though I have never been a member of any union or the Mount Vernon Education Association, for the first time in my life I now understand I am protected by the union contract.
3. I was asked so many questions by the investigators that I'm glad I can go back and provide more information. When I was asked questions by the investigators I answered the best I could. I recorded my conversation with the interviewers because my attorney told me many times words can get misinterpreted or written wrong. So I taped the interview with a recorder. I've listened to the tape many times after the interview – at least ten times. I do not like the sound of my voice and all the um's and ah's I use when I speak. Each time I listened to the interview recording I thought of more stuff I wanted to add. So I am glad I can write a statement to help explain stuff in case you investigators do not ask me certain questions when we meet again next week on Wednesday on May 28, 2008. Because it is just my nature or habit to answer questions by repeating the question, it is my understanding I am to write and speak as if I were writing a letter or giving a speech to the world to explain things. It is my understanding I am trying to speak and write so that people could not misunderstand what I am saying. I know when I speak I am thinking of a million things and sometimes what I say can be confusing so it is my understanding to think, write and speak with a goal of communicating as clearly as I can.
4. During the interview you asked why I checked out a Bible from the library and asked what was the purpose and was I trying to make a statement. I don't know about any statement when I checked it out. My purpose when I went to the library was I wanted to see if the library had a Bible. The nazarene book was beside the red Bible so I checked out both. Like I said I just wanted to just see if the library had a Bible so I could compare it to other Bibles. Now after April 16 I expected my green Bible to disappear because somebody would take it. After April 16 I kept the red library Bible in my room because if they removed my green Bible I had never been in that position before. I have always felt great comfort in knowing that green book was there. My Bible – that green Bible of

mine has been with me at work for over 20+ years. Although this may not be the manly thing to say but I liken my Bible and its presence around me at work as being like my daughter's favorite "gege" which was her pacifier. My daughter for the longest time felt better and acted better because she had her favorite "gege" with her and she slept with it. I don't care what people think but my green Bible is like my daughter's "gege" I just never outgrew mine. I wanted the comfort of that inspiration right there with me. I feel like I perform better at work with my green Bible. Just like at home – I have one particular Bible I study from and do my devotionals. I could have 20 other Bibles around me. But it is that particular Bible for that particular place that makes me feel better. There was no statement to be made other than I wanted to make sure my demeanor did not change.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

  
John Freshwater

The foregoing affidavit was sworn to and acknowledged before me this May 25, 2008, by John Freshwater, who is personally known by me or who provided satisfactory identification and who did swear to the truthfulness of the above.

  
Notary Public



R. KELLY HAMILTON, ATTORNEY AT LAW  
Notary Public  
In and for the State of Ohio  
My Commission Has No Expiration Date  
Section 147.03 R.C.